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On 9 November, the Luxembourg Council of Government (NOTE: The weekly meeting of ministers in which governmental decisions are made. END NOTE) approved the extension of Luxembourg's participation in ISAF and KFOR through November 2009 and December 2009 respectively. The Council also approved Luxembourg's participation in the EURFOR Chad/Central African Republic (CAR) mission. Luxembourg's participation in EURFOR - Chad/CAR will include up to three soldiers and a 400,000 EUR contribution to the mission. All of these decisions must be approved by Parliament but as the Council represents the majority of parties in the Parliament, final approval is virtually assured to be certain and swift. WAGNER